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'Mystery Woman' Sought in Bankruptcy

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The former office manager of Ronald R. Rewald's bankrupt investment company remains a somewhat mysterious figure in the unfolding tale of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

Sue Wilson, a 35-year-old divorcee, has been described by people within the company as Rewald's "right-hand man."

It was Wilson who signed a large number of the checks drawn from the investors' accounts, many of which went to pay for Rewald's personal expenses. Wilson also was in charge of the daily flow of money in and out of the company.

It is also Wilson who was named in court as having liquidated possibly \$1 million in stocks from the McCormick trust, a multi-million dollar trust fund that Rewald had transferred

from Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh to his control last year.

Wilson had power of attorney over the trust, bankruptcy trustee Thomas Hayes has said.

AND IN LIGHT of Rewald's connection to the CIA, Wilson also has come under scrutiny because of her own possible ties to a government agency.

Sources close to the case have said Wilson at one time worked for the National Security Agency, an agency of the Defense Department. The National Security Agency is headquartered at Fort Meade, Md., near Baltimore, where Wilson was born and lived before coming to Hawaii. According to a government information directory, the National Security Agency advises the president on matters of security and collects information on national defense.

A former consultant with Rewald's company said only

Wilson was cleared to transport "classified" material to Jack Rardin, current head of the CIA here, and to John Kindschi, head of the office before Rardin. Kindschi joined Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong as a consultant after he retired from the CIA.

SINCE THE FALL of Rewald's company, Wilson has not been seen, even though several agencies would like to talk to her. Sources said Wilson had been served with a subpoena to appear before a federal grand jury investigating the Rewald case, but that the subpoena eventually was canceled. The grand jury met once several weeks ago after the company was forced into bankruptcy, but has not been convened since.

Honolulu police are trying to find Wilson to serve her with a subpoena to produce documents pertaining to Rewald's company. Although members of the white-collar crime unit think they may know where she is, the

subpoena had not been served as of yesterday.

Trustee Hayes also would like to talk to Wilson in his effort to track down company assets. Officials close to the case say that if anyone knows where company assets can be found, it is Wilson.

Hayes' attorneys also are planning to subpoena the former office manager.

"We want to know what the hell was going on here," Hayes said in a recent interview when asked about his interest in Wilson.

THE LAST TIME Hayes saw Wilson was four weeks ago, minutes after he was appointed interim trustee. Hayes walked directly from the federal court house to the company offices and told people there of his appointment and arranged to have door locks immediately changed. Wilson came to the door, holding the company's mail, Hayes said. She refused to identify herself and tried to walk away with the mail. Hayes said he fol-

lowed her to the elevators and convinced her to hand over the letters.

Wilson has been described by former consultants and employees as one of the most powerful people in the company. If Rewald had died, they said, it is Wilson who would probably know the most about the company's activities.

Although she was hired by company president Sunlin L.S. "Sunny" Wong, apparently sometime in 1980, Wilson quickly became aide and confidante to Rewald. She served as his protector, isolating him from certain people in the office, eventually including Wong, a source said.

ALTHOUGH SOME describe her as a concerned mother to the child she has custody of and a diligent worker and organizer, others said she was "ice cold" to office staff members and "terrorized even the consultants."

According to court records, Wilson came to Hawaii in 1974 and married a local fisherman in 1976. The marriage did not last and the couple was separated in December 1977. Divorce proceedings dragged out for four years with a final split coming in August 1981. Wilson kept custody of her six-year-old girl and her husband, Lymey Wilson, took custody of a son by a previous marriage.

Wilson worked as a hair-stylist and secretary for the Honolulu Board of Realtors before being hired in 1980 as a legal secretary for attorney Russell D.C. Kim.

Kim also was one of the attorneys who worked for Rewald and had an office in Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong's suite.

By October 1980, she apparently had joined Rewald's company because she sent out personal letters on Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong stationery.

Court documents shed little light on Wilson's past. She lists no Social Security number on her divorce form and the mid-

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die initial of her name changes from "I" in early documents to "E" in those filed later. She listed only \$30 in savings at the time of her divorce and personal belongings worth only \$100.

But it was only months later, according to information revealed in court testimony, that Wilson was given power of attorney over at least one multi-million-dollar trust fund and controlled millions of dollars of investors' money.



Sue Wilson
Rewald's confidante